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My Brother's Friend

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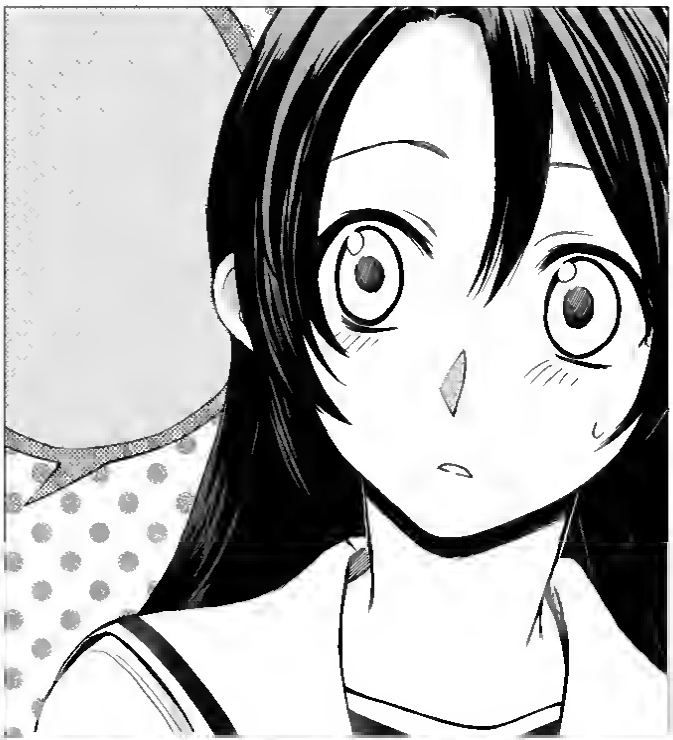

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Chapter 0

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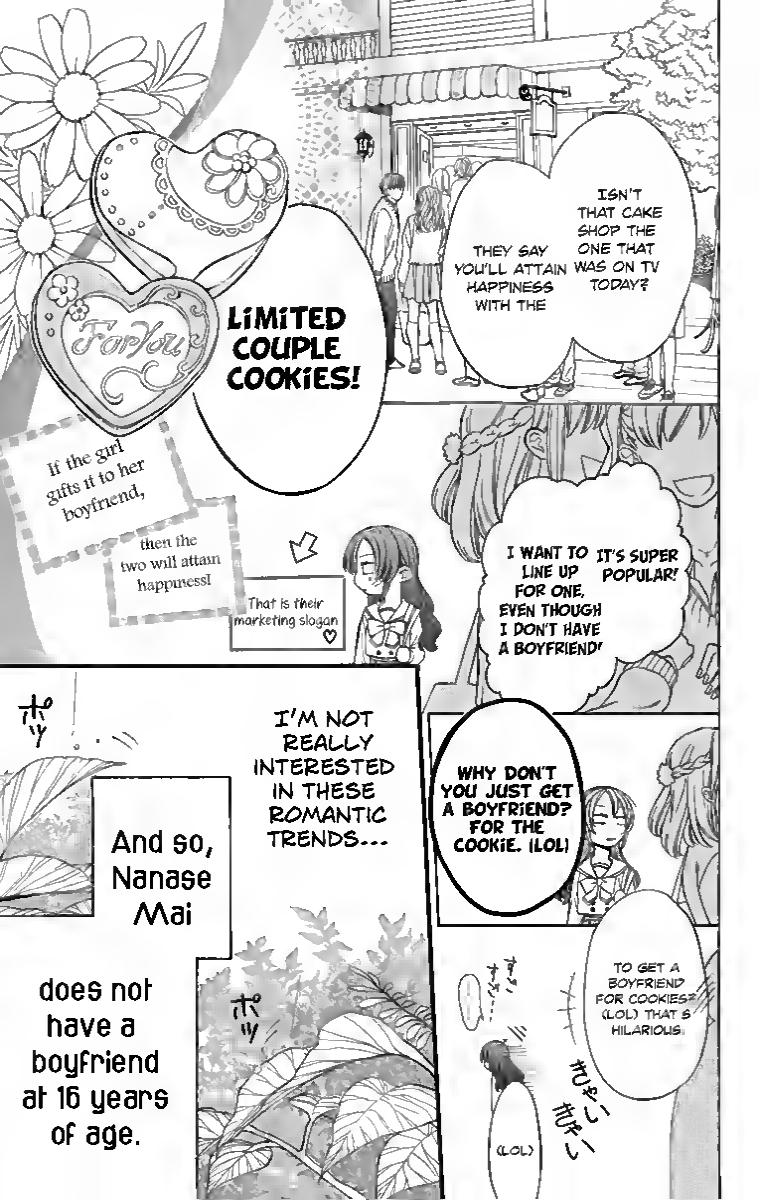
I OFTEN GET ASKED QUESTIONS LIKE, "AREN'T YOU INTERESTED IN FINDING TRUE LOVE?"
AND "DON'T YOU LIKE TALKING ABOUT LOVE?"
AW, I'VE DROPPED KETCHUP ON IT.
I'M NANASE MAI; 16 YEARS OLD.
ISN'T IT A PRECIOUS GIFT FROM YOUR BOYFRIEND?
GOSH, MY BOYFRIEND GAVE ME THIS CUSHION ..
THAT'S WHAT YOU GET FOR EATING SO EARLY.
OH, WELL TOO BAD I'LL THROW IT AWAY
HUH?! WAIT! JUST WASH IT OFF!
HMM~ BUT I DON'T LIKE HIM THAT MUCH.
I HAVE TROUBLE FOLLOWING THE TRENDS REGARDING LOVE AMONG MY PEERS.

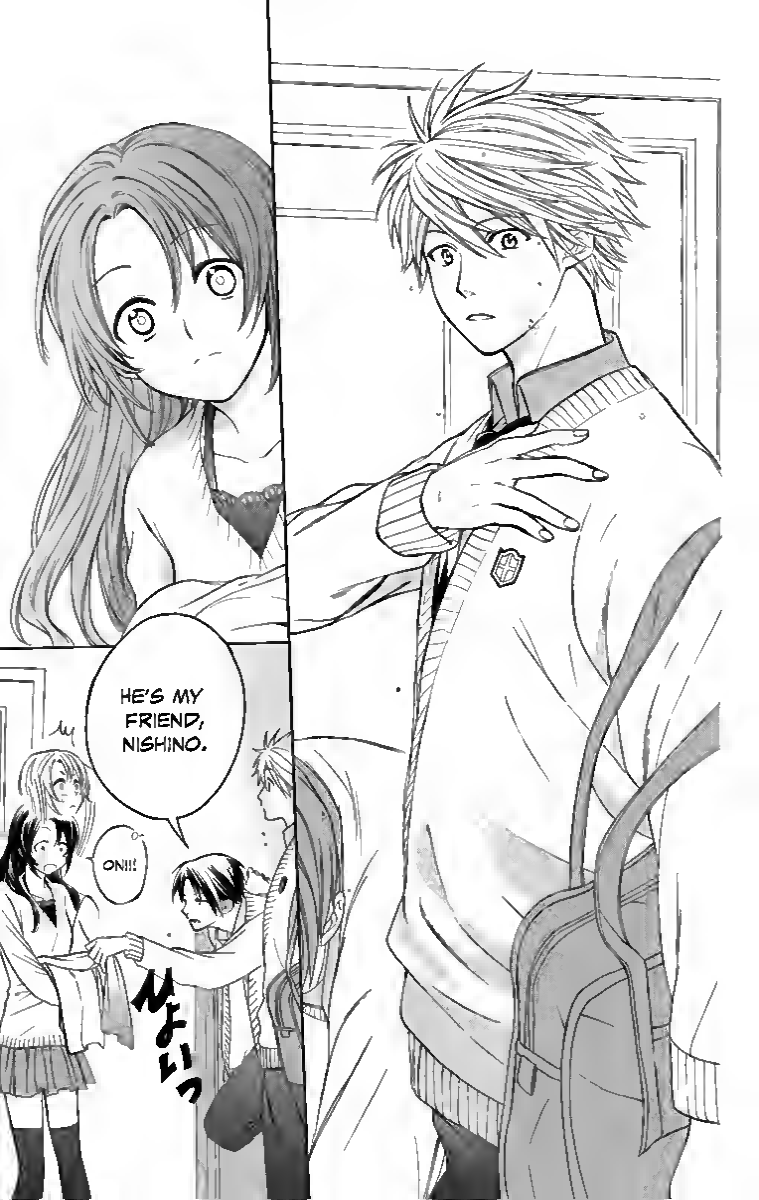
WHAT DID YOU MEAN WHEN YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T LIKE HIM THAT MUCH?
WOW
IT'S SO CLEAN NOW! THANKS, MAIMAI!
IT'S A WASTE TO THROW IT AWAY JUST BECAUSE OF A SMALL STAIN!
SEE? MOST OF IT'S GONE.
Mai's brother Sakaino
What?
Gone to a different school. Has a mean glare!
SAVAGE!
IF WE'RE TALKING ABOUT LOOKS, MAIMAI'S BROTHER IS MORE MY TYPE
Hmm
HE CONFESSED TO ME, SO I THOUGHT I'D GIVE HIM A CHANCE.
H-HEY! PICK UP THE BALL FOR ME!
CRAP IT WENT TOO FAR!
IT WENT THAT WAY!
THAT HURT!

PFFT!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU DOING, ANYWAY?
WASHING OFF STAINS?
And why are you playing with a ball in class? Are you bored or what?
DUDE! THE BALL HIT HER HEAD AND THAT'S ALL YOU'VE GOT?! APOLOGISE TO MA!
You okay?
NANASE,
I BET YOU DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND, RIGHT?
ARE YOU A GRANNY? THAT'S SO OLD-FASHIONED!
OH, BUT,
YOU'VE GOT BOOBS, I'LL GIVE YOU THAT.
FOR A LIMITED TIME, I CAN LET YOU BE MY GIRLFRIEND.
Specially for you.

...NO THANKS.
so I thought I'd give him a chance
He confessed to me,
HONESTLY, WHEN I SEE THEM LIKE THAT...
She's got boobs.
so I'll let you go out with me for a short time.
I'm not saying it's bad or anything, but...
HA...
WHAT'S WITH THEM...
WOW, THERE'S SUCH A LONG QUEUE!


ISN'T THAT CAKE SHOP THE ONE THAT WAS ON TV TODAY?
THEY SAY YOU'LL ATTAIN HAPPINESS WITH THE
LIMITED COUPLE COOKIES!
For You
If the girl gifts it to her boyfriend,
then the two will attain happiness!
That is their marketing slogan ♡
IT'S SUPER POPULAR!
I WANT TO LINE UP FOR ONE, EVEN THOUGH I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND!
WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET A BOYFRIEND? FOR THE COOKIE. (LOL)
TO GET A BOYFRIEND FOR COOKIES? (LOL) THAT'S HILARIOUS.
(LOL)
I'M NOT REALLY INTERESTED IN THESE ROMANTIC TRENDS...
And so, Nanase Mai
does not have a boyfriend at 16 years of age.

THE WEATHER FORECAST DIDN'T SAY IT'D BE THIS BAD
GOSH, IT'S REALLY POURING.
FUCKING RAIN!
DID ONII BRING AN UMBRELLA TODAY?
TOWEL!
GUESS NOT...
COMING!
ONII. AT LEAST SAY YOU'RE HOME!


HE'S MY FRIEND, NISHINO.
ONII!!
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WHAT A SURPRISE. HIS FRIEND, HUH? IT'S RARE OF HIM TO BRING SOMEONE OVER.
COME ON IN IT MIGHT BE A BIT SMALL INSIDE THOUGH. HERE! USE THIS TOWEL
MY SISTER
OH, EXCUSE ME. I'M NISHINO SOUTA.
TURN
?
HE'S GOT A DIFFERENT CHARACTER TO MY BROTHER.
SOMEWHAT LIVELIER!
IT SEEMS LIKE HE'D BE POPULAR WITH THE GIRLS!
HEY, WAIT FOR ME, YUKIHIRO
TAP TAP TAP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP
HUH?!
OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE TOWEL
WAS I STARING TOO MUCH?
BUT,
THAT ASIDE...!

ABSORB THE WATER!
水気スイトール!
I NEED TO STUFF THEIR SHOES WITH NEWS-PAPER!
AND THIS IS WHAT MAKES ME THE HOUSE-KEEPER.
WHATEVER... I'LL JUST REMOVE IT BEFORE ONII'S FRIEND LEAVES.
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I'LL DO THE LAUNDRY
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SO,
RIGHT?
THEY'RE QUITE LIVELY IN THERE.
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SO LIKE,
YUKIHIRO, YOUR
GET IT.

YOUR SISTER IS CUTE.
I'M SAYING, THAT'S NOT TRUE!
JUST NOW I SAW YOU STRUGGLING TO TALK TO HER YOU COULDN'T EVEN MAKE EYE CONTACT
You shy boy.
ANYWAY, WHAT'S THIS GOT TO DO WITH NOT BEING USED TO GIRLS?
HUH? NO I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT LIKING HER IT'S JUST AN OBSERVATION
WHAT? YOU LIKE THE OLDSWIFE TYPE? H- IS IT BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT USED TO GIRLS SO SHE'S FEELS LIKE YOUR MOM?
S-SHE IS! I WAS SO SURPRISED WHEN I FIRST SAW HER!
WHAT'D YOU THINK?

OH MY GOD, PLEASE HURRY AND TELL HIM THAT THE WALLS IN OUR HOUSE ARE SUPER THIN!
OUR ROOMS WERE ORIGINALLY ONE, BUT THAT WALL WAS BUILT BY AN INEXPERIENCED CARPENTER, SO THERE'S NO SOUND INSULATION. NONE!
PLEASE! TELL HIM!
ONII!
*T/N I SUSPECT THE AUTHOR IS MAKING A PUN ON ONII (BROTHER) AND ON (DEMON)
WELL, HOW ABOUT YOU USE HER TO GET USED TO GIRLS?
ONII!*
He said that, despite knowing I can hear everything
I FELT BAD LISTENING, SO I CAME OUTSIDE...
HA...
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HE SAID I'M CUTE...
IF HE'D SAID IT TO MY FACE, I'D DEFINITELY THINK LESS OF IT.
BUT IF HE MEANT IT PERSONALLY,
I'D FEEL...
NO!
NO, NO.
NO, NO, NO, NO, NO!
I FORGOT ABOUT IT...
FORGET ABOUT IT!
HUH?! THERE'S SOMETHING IN MY SHOES!
ARGH! I GET CALLED "CUTE" FOR ONCE, AND THIS HAPPENS! I'M SORRY FOR BEING SUCH A HOUSEKEEPER!
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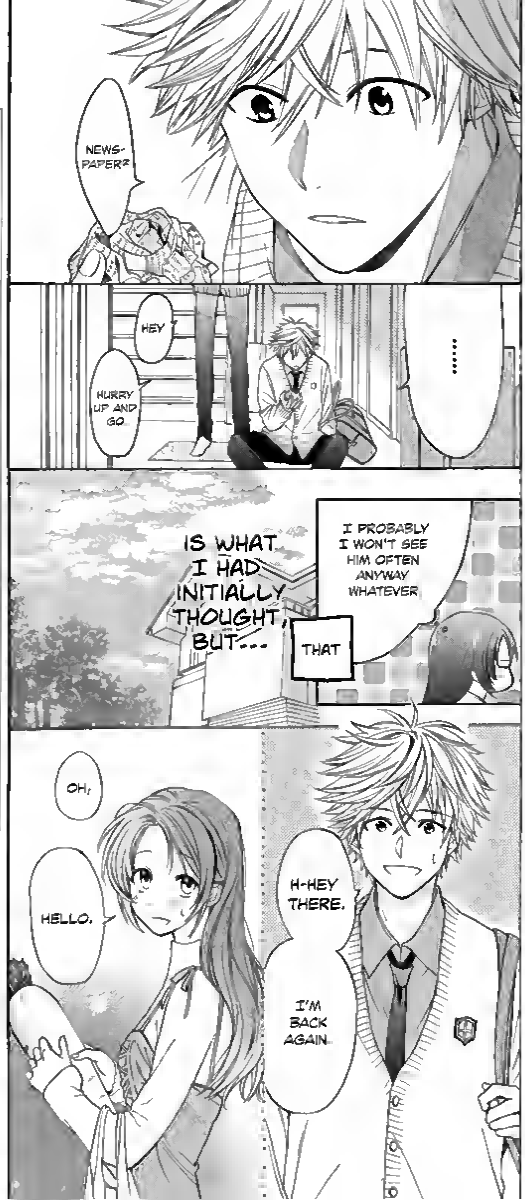

Nice to meet you
I am Akagawara Nodomu
This is my first book and original serialization
Are you feeling all nervous from reading this?
I hope you enjoy reading Anitomo

WHAT
WHAT'S YOUR FIRST NAME?
I'LL BE GOING NOW...
HUH? W-WAIT! UH...
I'VE BEEN COMING OVER QUITE OFTEN RECENTLY,
SO I WANTED TO BRING SOMETHING WITH ME NEXT TIME.
That's why, uh...
HE'S DESPERATE.
WHAT DO YOU LIKE TO EAT?!
I MEAN,
FROM THAT DAY ONWARDS,
H-HI
Here's some pastries
FOR ONE REASON OR ANOTHER, NISHINO-SAN WOULD COME TO OUR HOUSE.
AH,
UM, ARE YOU CARRYING THAT TO YUKIHIRO'S ROOM?
HUH?
YES.

I'LL CARRY IT TO HIS ROOM ON THE WAY UPSTAIRS
"WHAT?! I CAN'T LET A GUEST DO THAT!"
BUT IT'LL BE DANGEROUS GOING UP THE STAIRS WITH THIS!
IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO SINCE I'M COMING OVER SO OFTEN...
TOUCH
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SORRY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT!
THERE REALLY ARE GUYS WHO AREN'T USED TO GIRLS.
ARE YOU REALLY GOING AFTER MY SISTER?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M AIMING FOR HER...
YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE THE GUTS TO ASK FOR HER FIRST NAME. THE HELL, RUDE?
JUST DROP IT!
MAN, YOU FALL FOR GIRLS EASILY.
LEAVE ME ALONE!
YOU ACT LIKE A MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT IN LOVE WHEN IT COMES TO MY SISTER YOUR BEHAVIOUR IS SUSPICIOUS, BUT IT'S HILARIOUS. ARE YOU REALLY OKAY?
I'M NOT OKAY! AND DON'T MAKE FUN OF ME!

I ONLY SAID SHE WAS CUTE! ANYWAY, CAN'T YOU JUST TELL ME HER FIRST NAME?!
YOU ASS!
PFF!
GEEZ, WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO...
For goods sake
IS THAT ANY WAY TO ASK SOMEONE A FAVOR?
I'M SORRY
NOW RUB YOUR FOREHEAD AGAINST THE MATTRESS *
WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS?
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*T/N: THE FRICTION GENE. ATBP SHOULD BE IN HIS FOREHEAD.

FURTHERMORE, HE'S NOT EVEN MY TYPE!
I'VE HARDLY SAID ANYTHING TO MAKE HIM LIKE ME! OUR EXCHANGES WERE ONLY THE USUAL GREETINGS AND THINGS ABOUT MY BROTHER!
Hardly any conversation.
Oh, hello
Hi
WHAT'S THIS TICKLY SENSATION HERE?!
AND ON TOP OF THAT, I'M BEING SELF-CONSCIOUS ABOUT MY HAIR!
Take it off!
WHAT IS THIS?!

WHEN SOMEONE COMPLIMENTS YOU SAYING, "YOU'RE SO CUTE"?
YOU KNOW THAT HAPPY FEELING YOU GET
MAI? WHAT'S WRONG?
HUH? AREN'T THOSE THE POPULAR LIMITED COUPLE COOKIES? DID YOU STAND IN LINE WITH YOUR BOYFRIEND TO BUY IT?
AND THIS HERE IS PROOF THAT HE LOVES ME
MAI?
Tee hee
I BROUGHT WITH ME TO SHARE WITH YOU
HMM?
GET ON YOUR KNEES AND APOLOGIZE TO YOUR BOYFRIEND
That bro[illegible] up to this m[illegible]
IS THIS ABOUT YOU AND YOUR BOYFRIEND?
YUP
NOTHING MAKES A WOMAN HAPPIER THAN KNOWING THAT SHE'S LOVED
The grumpy next-door told me
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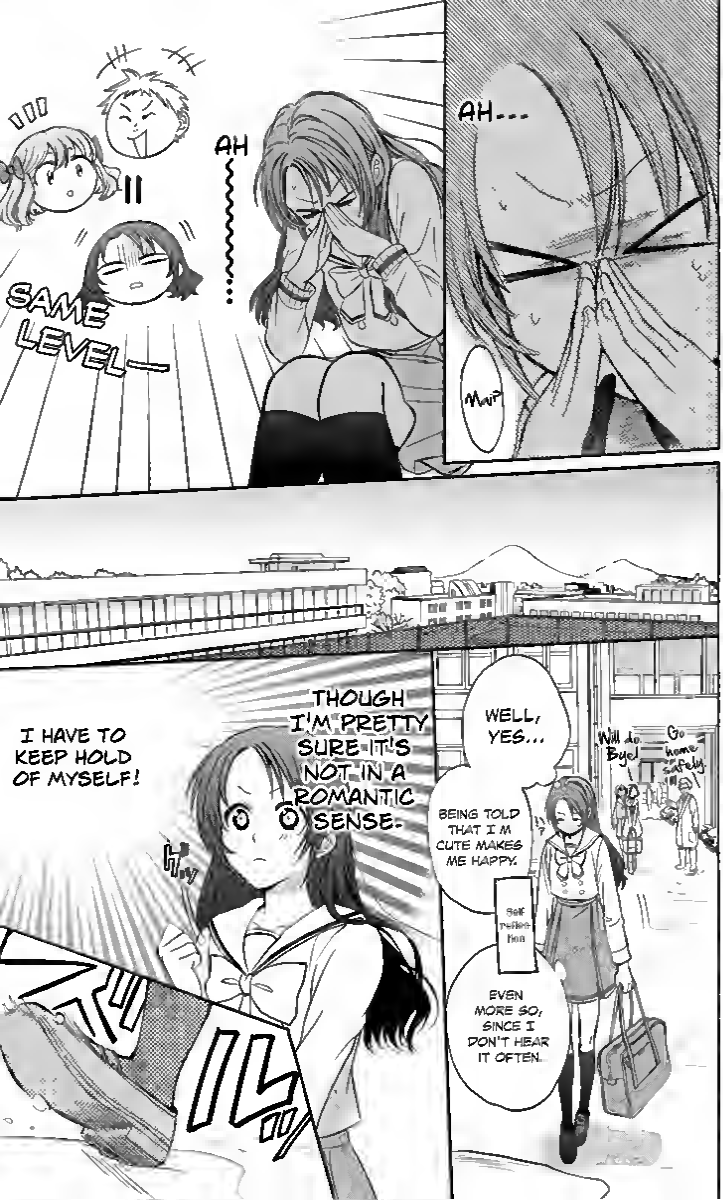
AH...
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AH
SAME LEVEL—
WELL, YES...
Will do. Bye!
Go home safely
BEING TOLD THAT I'M CUTE MAKES ME HAPPY.
Self-talking fool
EVEN MORE SO, SINCE I DON'T HEAR IT OFTEN.
THOUGH I'M PRETTY SURE IT'S NOT IN A ROMANTIC SENSE.
I HAVE TO KEEP HOLD OF MYSELF!

DID YOU SEE?
JUST NOW?
HA HA HA HA!
PFFT!
HAHA HAHA! NANASE!
NICE FALL!
HUH? WHAT? SHE FELL?
DID YOU SEE HER PANTIES?
NAH, SHE WEARS SHORTS UNDER-NEATH
SERIOUSLY, SUCH A JOKE

GOOD LUCK!
OH!
OH
I KNOW I FELL BECAUSE I WAS CLUMSY,
BUT DID THEY REALLY NEED TO LAUGH ABOUT IT?!
WHATEVER. FORGET IT.
I'LL JUST HURRY UP, GO HOME AND PRETEND IT NEVER HAP-
PEND-

THAT
HURT
GOSH

ARE YOU OKAY?
HERE.

I GUESS
HE'S COMING OVER TO OUR HOUSE AGAIN.
Ha...
MY SHOE...
AH. USE THIS.
?
REST YOUR FOOT ON MY BAG UNTIL I GET IT.
WH-
LET'S GO!
WHAAA?!

HE'S DIFFERENT TO THE BOYS IN MY CLASS...
And he went to get my shoe like it was normal!
WOAH!
THIS GUY'S AMA-ZING!
GOT IT!
HERE YOU GO.
HE'S SO MAT-URE!

ARE YOU OKAY?
Y-YES! I'M FINE.
Not a single scratch on me!
T-THAT ASIDE, ARE YOUR HANDS OR FEET COLD?
OH, WELL...
I FEEL A BIT OF A DRAFT UNDER MY SKIRT SINCE IT'S WET...
N-NO PROBLEM! IT'S THE LEAST ONE CAN DO!
And I wanted to look good, I mean... *mumble mumble*
I-I KIND OF THINK HE'S CUTE...
UH,
T-THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
AND NOW HE BLUSHES?!

I'VE STARTED TO CHANGE THE WAY I SEE GUYS.
SO THERE ARE GUYS LIKE HIM, TOO.
BEEN STRUCK BY MISFORTUNE.
I HAVE JUST
JOKER
ALRIGHT, MAI HAS TO BE PUNISHED!
HUH? WAS THIS A PUNISHMENT GAME?
I DECIDED ON IT IN MID-GAME.
MAI'S EXPRESSION IS GETTING DARKER AND DARKER. SO FUNNY~
WHAT DID I MISS?
A PUNISHMENT?
Was forced to play the game to make up numbers

THE LOSER HAS TO GO TO THE POPULAR CAKE SHOP TO BUY THE FAMOUS "LIMITED COUPLE COOKIES" AFTER SCHOOL~
The punish-ment
THE QUEUE SO SLOW. LINE UP AND BUY IT YOURSELF, NANASE.
I WOULD CRY TEARS OF JOY IF I COULD!
With the second loser
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YOU'LL ATTAIN HAPPINESS IF YOUR GIRLFRIEND GIFTS IT TO YOU?
Lovey
Kya
Lovey
I'M ALREADY SUPER HAPPY THOUGH~
THEY SAY YOU'LL BE HAPPY IF YOUR GIRLFRIEND GIFTS IT TO YOU!

WHY DID I THINK OF THAT?!
I'm getting ahead of myself!
HE'S ONLY BEING NICE! IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS SITUATION!
OH, BUT I SHOULD THANK HIM.
Right!
I'VE ALWAYS BEEN THE HOUSE-KEEPER, SO I HAVE DO MY PART WELL
IF THE COOKIES LOOK NORMAL ENOUGH, I'LL GIVE IT TO HIM AS THANKS.
Hmm~
Umm
HEY, IT'S THE FAMOUS COUPLE COOKIES
It's all the talk now in class
WOAH... THAT MEANS ALL THE PEOPLE THERE ARE COUPLES, MAKES ME FEEL BITTER..
I WANT TO HAVE A GIRLFRIEND WHO WILL GIVE ME COOKIES.
PFT!
DUDE, WHY D YOU SUDDENLY STOP WALKING?
HEY?

NISHINO?
IT'S GOT A HEART SHAPE.
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I'LL PREPARE ANOTHER GIFT FOR HIM WHEN I GET THE CHANCE.
He might not even be coming over today.
Nope.
I'D RATHER NOT...

AH? SOUTA, DIDN'T YOU GO STRAIGHT HOME TODAY?
HE-
HE CAME?!
WHAT AM I DOING? I'M NOT GIVING IT TO HIM,
SO I DON'T HAVE TO HIDE IT
GEE! Argh
SORRY... I'M JUST...
?
HE SOUNDS... SAD...?
HIS VOICE IS SOFTER THAN USUAL, SO I CAN'T HEAR BEHIND THE WALL VERY WELL...
SO...
HA? WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

SHE HAS A BOY-FRIEND?
WHAT?
WHAT IS THAT? HOW'D HE COME TO THAT CONCLUSION?
I'VE NEVER HAD A BOYFRIEND IN MY LIFE!
WELL, I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S HER BOYFRIEND,
BUT SHE WAS LINING UP WITH A GUY FROM HER SCHOOL TO BUY THOSE COOKIES, SO I DON'T THINK I'M WRONG...
THE COOKIES WERE PROBABLY FOR HIM.
YOU'RE WRONG!
THAT'S A MISUNDER-STANDING! HE'S NOT MY BOY-FRIEND!
Wait, he saw me?!
Sigh... This is so lame. The worst.
Yeah, yeah. Let's take a photo as evidence, and just go.

WHAT SHOULD I DO? I WANT TO CORRECT HIS MISUNDER-STANDING.
BUT HE DOESN'T KNOW THAT I CAN HEAR WHAT HE'S SAYING.
HOW DO I EXPLAIN IT TO HIM?
NO, HANG ON...
WHAT
WHY DO I WANT TO CORRECT IT IN THE FIRST PLACE?
DO I WANT TO HAPPEN
AFTER I CORRECT THE MISUNDER-STANDING?
EVEN IF I JUST LEAVE THE SITUATION AS IT IS,
I SHOULDN'T
FEEL TROUBLED...

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SO, WILL YOU GIVE UP ON HER?
RIGHT, YOU NEVER LIKED HER FIRST PLACE.
AND? WHAT IF SHE HAS A BOYFRIEND?
WELL, I GUESS IT'S NOT SURPRISING FOR HER TO BE IN A RELATIONSHIP NOW.
WHAT WILL YOU DO?
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ONII!!
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YOU TWO, GO TO THE CONVENIENCE STORE AND BUY ME THEIR PREMIUM LUXURY GREEN TEA CAKE.
COME BACK EMPTY-HANDED AND YOU'RE DEAD.
I'M SORRY FOR MY BROTHER.
IT'S OKAY, I'M USED TO IT
はた…
LET'S GO.

I WON'T BE TROUBLED, RIGHT?
I CAN JUST GO BACK TO MY USUAL LIFE.
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THAT'S
IF I JUST LEAVE THINGS AS THEY ARE,
ポツ
ALL...
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HOW COULD SHE HAVE A BOYFRIEND WHEN SHE'S EAVESDROPPING FROM BEHIND THE WALL ALL THE TIME?
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MAN, THEY'RE SUCH A HANDFUL.
WELL, THEY SHOULD BE FINE.
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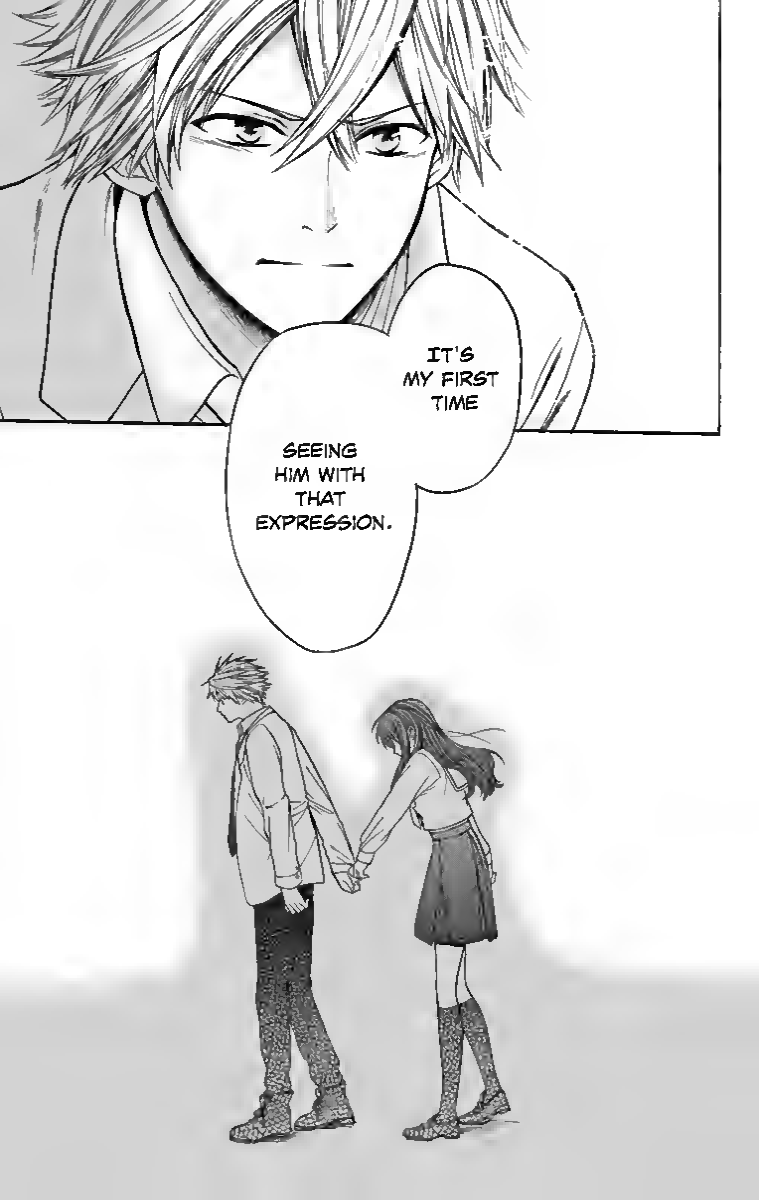
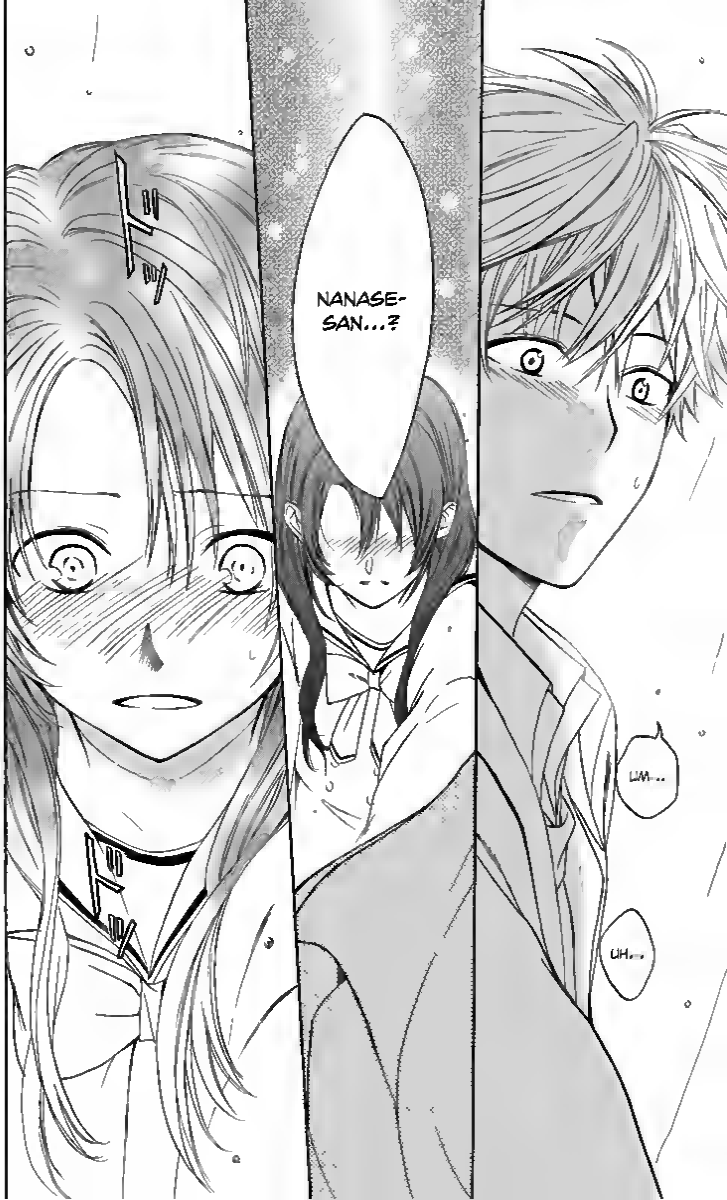
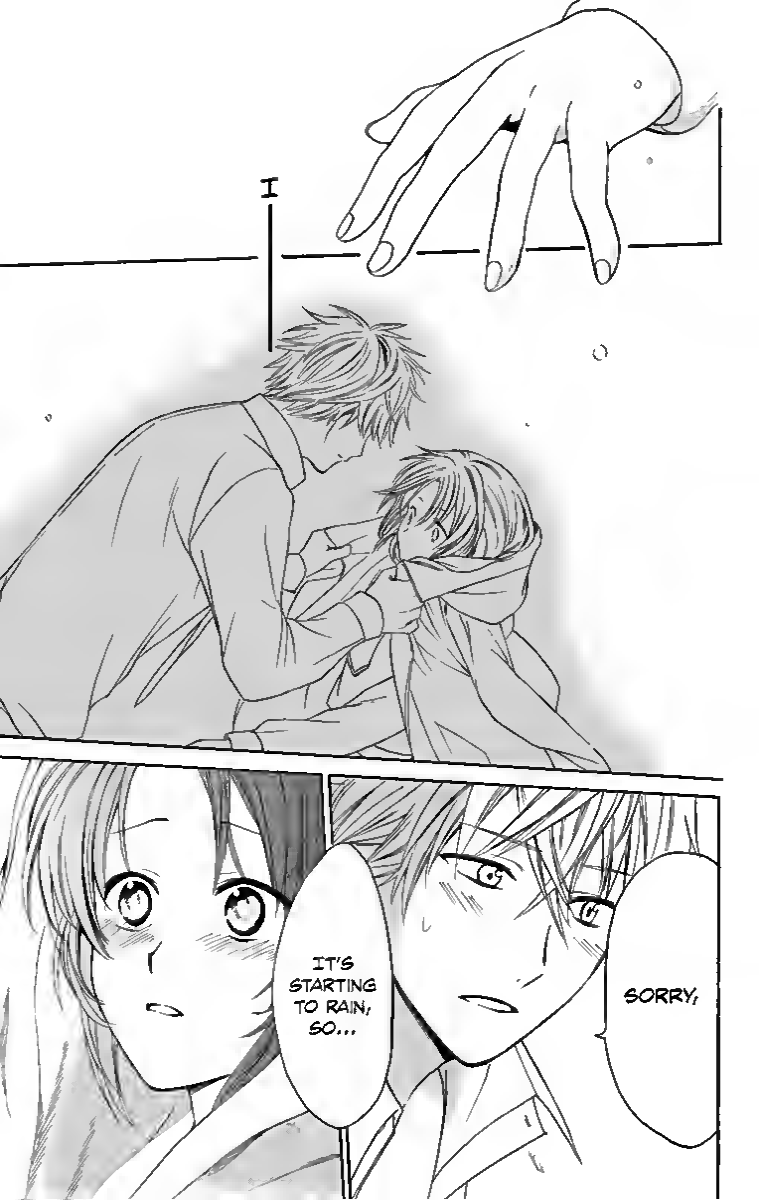
SO, WILL YOU GIVE UP ON HER?
WHAT WILL YOU DO?


IT'S MY FIRST TIME
SEEING HIM WITH THAT EXPRESSION.


NANASE-SAN...?
UM...
UH...


I
SORRY,
IT'S STARTING TO RAIN, SO...

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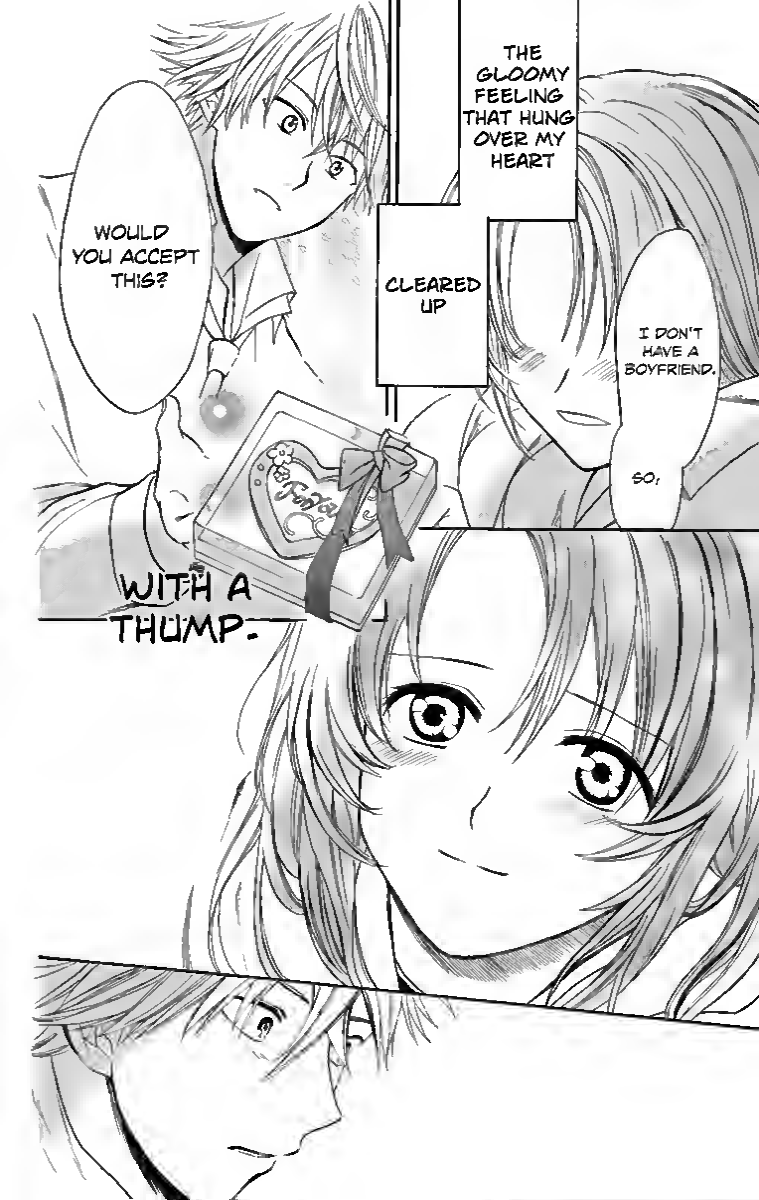
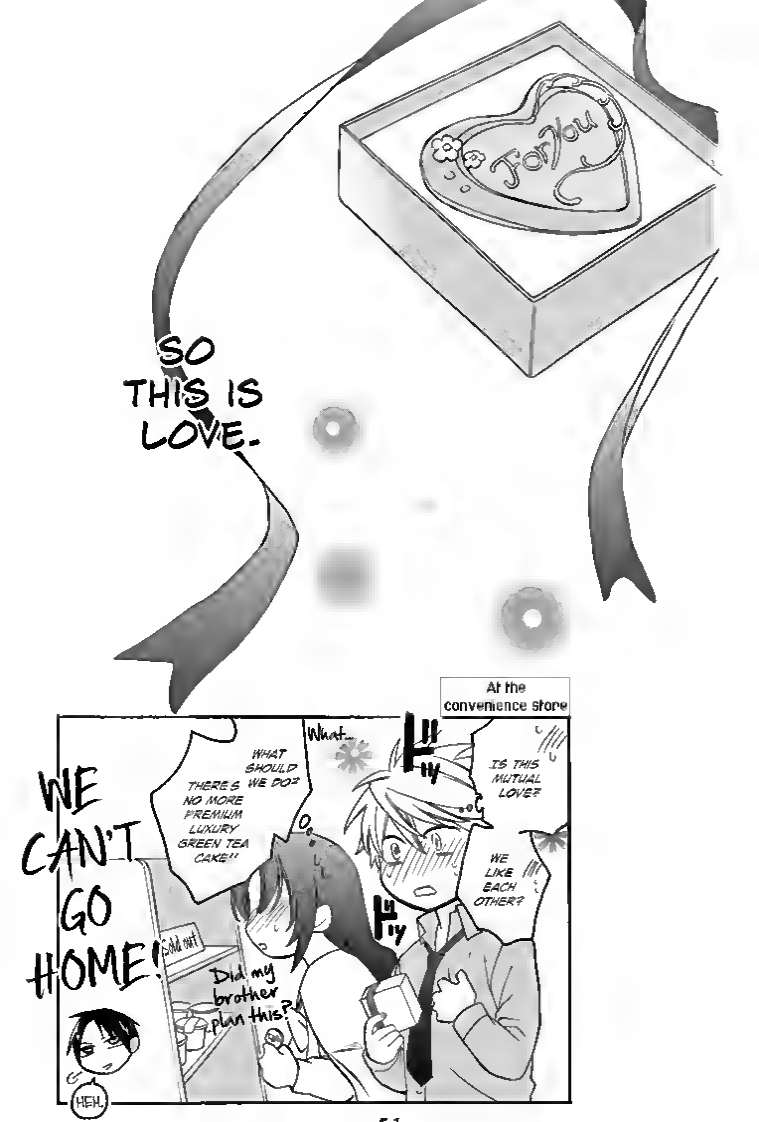
I LIKE YOU.
I'M SORRY
FOR SAYING IT EVEN THOUGH YOU HAVE A BOYFRIEND

BUT I COULDN'T GIVE UP ON YOU.
I KNOW THAT I'M TERRIBLE FOR TELLING YOU,
BUT I COULDN'T STOP MYSELF
IS IT
YOU'RE BEING UNFAIR.
AH...
OKAY FOR ME TO
GOSH,
LIKE YOU?


THE GLOOMY FEELING THAT HUNG OVER MY HEART
CLEARED UP
I DON'T HAVE A BOYFRIEND.
SO,
WOULD YOU ACCEPT THIS?
WITH A THUMP-


SO THIS IS LOVE.
At the convenience store
WE CAN'T GO HOME!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? THERE'S NO MORE PREMIUM LUXURY GREEN TEA CAKE!!
What...
Did my brother plan this?
IS THIS MUTUAL LOVE?
WE LIKE EACH OTHER?
HEH.

兄友